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**VENEZUELA: AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL
AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS**

Q: Are U.S. Embassy employees in Venezuela being evacuated?

**A: IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION AND
POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE IN VENEZUELA, THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS APPROVED AUTHORIZED
DEPARTURE FOR NON-EMERGENCY AMERICAN EMPLOYEES
AND FOR ANY OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO
LEAVE. THIS IS A VOLUNTARY MEASURE AND OFFERS
THESE EMPLOYEES THE CHOICE TO DEPART OR REMAIN.**

**THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMERICANS
TRAVELING OR RESIDING IN VENEZUELA VIA ITS WARDEN
NETWORK AND WILL ASSIST ANY PRIVATE AMERICANS
WISHING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.**

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